



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

UTB/TSC employee describes battle against disease

By Samantha Ruiz
THE COLLEGIAN

Breast cancer is a disease that affects one in every eight women, and



men have a one-in-1,000 chance of getting it, according to breastcancer.org.

The Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation says women older than 30, who are inactive, eat unhealthy, prolong breastfeeding or

have a family history of cancer are at risk of getting the disease.

Debbie Abrego-Medina has the BRCA 2 gene for cancer. The administrative assistant for the vice president of Student Affairs shared her story with *The*

Collegian.

Medina was diagnosed with invasive ductile carcinoma breast cancer in November 2009. She said she had felt a lump four months earlier and got it checked. In September, she felt the lump get bigger.

"I began to feel a burning sensation and [a] sharp needle pain in the breast area," Medina said.

It wasn't until after she had a biopsy in Harlingen that she found out that she had the deadly disease.

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On-campus Chick-fil-A

>>The Food Advisory Committee will conduct a meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union's Salon Gardenia regarding Chick-fil-A's new location on campus.

>>A Chick-fil-A job fair will be held from 3-5 p.m. in the Chick-fil-A on Morrison Road.

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Big Brother skate team member Rogelio Montes is "on the air" during College Radio Day, held last Tuesday on campus. Story, Page 16.

STAR-STRUCK

Hundreds watch as acts compete in talent show

By Stephanie Mendez
THE COLLEGIAN

Two singers and a guitarist took the top prizes at UTB/TSC's Noche de Estrellas student talent show.

More than 400 people watched 21 acts compete in the eighth annual talent show, held Oct. 7 in the SET-B Lecture Hall.

Nestor Treviño, a senior public service and government major, won first place and \$300 cash prize after singing "Without You" by Keith Urban. The audience cheered and applauded Treviño during and after his performance of the country song.

Music major Jose Villarreal and his electric guitar delighted the ears of the crowd when he performed

"Tender Surrender" by Steve Vai. Villarreal won second place and \$150.

The crowd cheered and applauded freshman Elizabeth "Lizy" Martinez even before she was done singing "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston, from the blockbuster movie "The Bodyguard." Martinez won third place and \$50.

Dingbat Productions began the show performing "Time Warp" from "The Rocky Horror Show."

Senior communication major Frank Orozco served as the master of ceremonies and made the crowd go wild more than once when he paid tribute to "The Queen of Tejano Music," Selena, by singing the late star's

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ALEXANDRA GRACIA/COLLEGIAN

A student dressed in a monkey costume impersonated "El Chacal" during the Noche De Estrellas talent show Oct. 7.

Zero tolerance at Casa Bella

Officials provide information on alcohol policy

By Samantha Ruiz
THE COLLEGIAN

For the last couple of weeks, several students have been issued citations for minor in possession of alcohol in UTB/TSC's Casa Bella student housing complex.

The university's Residence Life Alcohol Policy states that "it is a violation of campus policy for students or guests to possess or consume alcohol or illegal drugs on the university campus, including the residence halls."

Residential Life Director Douglas Stoves said the policy applies to Casa Bella, but he doesn't believe that alcohol in the housing complex is necessarily a growing issue.

"I think that alcohol and drugs are a constant concern," Stoves said. "... Obviously, I'm missing something if it were just rocketing out of control."

Minors who are caught with alcohol in the student housing complex receive court appearance citations.

"You have 10 days to take that

citation and then either pay a fine, like pleading guilty or no contest, or saying I'm not guilty and I want to fight this and then [they] would issue a date for a hearing," said Campus Police Lt. Armando Pulido.

"Just because you get a citation or just because you get an incident report or you get a summons from judicial affairs, doesn't mean that you're guilty, that's [just] starting up the process," Stoves said.

The zero-tolerance policy also applies to students who are of age to consume alcohol.

"The policy does not have an exclusion for age, other than being able to notify parents," Stoves said. "If a person's of age, we don't notify the parents."

Pulido said if students who are over 21 want to drink, they need to go elsewhere to do so and be responsible on their return to campus.

Stoves said students who are issued a citation and don't believe they deserved it have the

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| Want your event to be featured? Submit event information one week in advance, before 5 p.m. Tuesday to collegian@utb.edu. First come first serve, but student organization events are given preference. --Compiled by Michelle Serrano | Candlelight Vigil Friendship of Women Inc. will celebrate the courage and strength of domestic violence victims and survivors in its 13th annual Candlelight Vigil from 6-7:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, 1600 Boca Chica Blvd. For more information, call Sandy Cuevas at 544-7412. | In Our Shoes UTB/TSC Students with disabilities will share their experiences and perspectives at 12:15 p.m. in the SET-B third-floor conference room. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Disability Services Coordinator Steve Wilder at steve.wilder@utb.edu. | Around the World The Office of Global Engagement will conduct a Study Abroad Fair from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Endowment Courtyard. For more information, call Study Abroad Coordinator Larissa F. Guijosa at 882-8955. | Autism in Movies The HBO docudrama "Temple Grandin" will screen at 12:15 p.m. Thursday in room 1.222 of the Biomedical Research and Health Professions Building. Temple Grandin is a noted autistic who is an author, speaker, cited expert and video producer. | DALÍ EXHIBIT The BMFA, 660 Ringgold St., celebrates its fifth anniversary gala with Salvador Dalí's illustrations of Dante's "Divine Comedy" at 6:30 p.m. Friday. Tickets are \$90 for members, \$100 for non-members. For more information, call the information desk at 542-0941. | Little Joe & La Familia Popular Tejano group Little Joe y La Familia will celebrate Little Joe's 71st birthday with a performance from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the UTB/TSC Arts Center. A pre-concert party will also be held. For ticket prices, call 882-8587. | Muay Thai Rocks "Livestock: Rockers, Smashers and Thrashers," an event that will feature live hard rock music, muay thai fighters, skating, tattooing and more, will be at the RGV Livestock Show Grounds, 1000 N. Texas Ave., Mercedes. To purchase tickets, visit mtalliancetxt.com/Special.html. |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALCOHOL AWARENESS
UTB/TSC will observe **National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week** to raise awareness on issues of alcohol abuse. Outreach tables can be found from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday on the Paseo by Cortez Hall. **Casa Bella** will host a beach party at 7 p.m. to demonstrate a safe, party-smart, alcohol-free environment. For more information, call the **Dean of Students Office** at 882-5141.
WRITER CARMEN TAFOLLA
The Student Union will host the **Latino Leadership Lecture Series**, featuring award-winning writer **Carmen Tafolla**, at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union's Gran Salon. Tafolla is the author of more than 15 books, seven screenplays and numerous articles and essays. For more information, call Union Assistant Director **Patricia Longoria** at 882-6776.

GRADUATION FAIR
A **graduation fair** will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the **Barnes & Noble Bookstore** on campus. The two-day event will give students the opportunity to purchase caps and gowns, announcements and the official class ring, in addition to having the opportunity to meet with representatives from campus offices including **Registrar's, Academic Advising, Career Services, Alumni Relations and Graduate Studies.**

FILL THE BUS
Lone Star National Bank is accepting donations of baby formula, personal hygiene items, gift cards, clothing, non-perishable food and money for victims of the **Rio Grande Valley and Bastrop fires.** A bus will be stationed at the **H-E-B Food Store**, 2250 Boca Chica Blvd. from noon to 7 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call the bank's marketing department at 984-2836.

MUTT STRUT
Healthy Communities of Brownsville and the **Brownsville Animal Regulation and Care Center** invite the public to **"Strut Your Mutt Run & Dog-A-Rama"** from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday. The Strut Your Mutt Run will start at **Washington Park** and end at **Linear Park**, followed by Dog-A-Rama at the **C.B. Stillman Dog Park**, located off FM 511 next to the city animal shelter. Guest speakers will be state **Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr.** (D-Brownsville) and state Rep. **Eddie Lucio III** (D-San Benito). Donations to the shelter will be accepted. Volunteers are being sought. For more information on scheduled activities, contact **Teresa Saldivar** at roostert2000@aol.com or call **Marsletta Knapp** at 541-3131.

BUTTERFLY FEST
The 16th annual **Texas Butterfly Festival** will be held from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the **Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park**, 2800 S. Bentsen Palm Dr. in Mission. A bike race, community fair, butterfly walk and much more will be conducted. For more information, call the **Greater Mission Chamber of Commerce** at (956) 585-2727.

HEART WALK
The **American Heart Association** will conduct its annual **Brownsville Heart Walk** from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the **Brownsville Sports Park.** The purpose of the event is to encourage the community to take healthy steps toward a heart-healthy lifestyle. For more information, call **Caitlin Martone** at (888) 433-7220, Ext. 2432.

EARLY VOTING
Oct. 24 is the first day of early voting for the Nov. 8 General election. The ballot includes 10 proposed amendments to the Texas

Constitution. For more information, visit <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/sampleballot2011.pdf>.

HALLOWEEN HAVOC
The **Office of Student Life** presents **Halloween Havoc 2011** beginning at 11 a.m. Oct. 28 in the Student Union Sala and Gran Salon. The daylong event will feature **The Ultimate Blowout Show, American Pop Stars, Bling Nation** and **X-Box Domination Extreme** sponsored by the **Game Over Club** and a **Halloween Dance Party** sponsored by the **Student Radio Club (SRC).** For more information on student organization participation or a complete event listing, call Student Life at 882-5138.

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL
Salud y Vida and **Ambassadors of Friendship** present the second annual **Carnival of Fright Halloween Festival** from 5 to 11:30 p.m. Oct. 28-31 at the **Monte Bella Bike Trails and Park**, located at West Alton Gloor Boulevard in Brownsville. The event will feature **Moore's Greater Shows & Carnival** with food booths, a costume contest for adults and children, and community activities. Tickets are \$3. For more information, call the **Halloween Festival Committee** at 350-2844.

ZOMBIEWALK
The second annual **Brownsville ZombieWalk** will be conducted from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 29 at Washington Park. The walk will begin at 6 p.m. There is no sign-up fee and the community is invited to attend. For more information, call event coordinator **Mack Guerra III** at 572-2362 or visit facebook.com/brownsvillezombiewalk.

--Compiled by Michelle Serrano

Accessibility Awareness Week

Tuesday:
"In Our Shoes," a panel presentation at 12:15 p.m. in the SET-B third-floor conference room.
Wednesday:
An **Accessibility Awareness Fair** will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Gazebo.
Thursday:
The HBO movie "Temple Grandin" will be screened at 12:15 p.m. in **Biomedical Research and Health Professions Building** room 1.222.
Friday:
"Temple Grandin" will also be shown at 7 p.m. in the **Life Health and Sciences Building** room 1.102. "Fitness Has No Boundaries-Disability Awareness at the REK," a series of events, such as an obstacle course and bean bag toss, will take place from noon to 3 p.m. in the REK Center.

For more information, call Disability Services Coordinator Steve Wilder at 882-7374.

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POLICE REPORTS

The following are among the incidents reported to Campus Police between Sept. 26 and 30.

Monday, Sept. 26
3:07 p.m.: A student reported that at 2:45 p.m. a man shouted a derogatory comment at him: "Hey, you white boy, you look like a f-- in that uniform." Campus Police advised the student to avoid contact with the man and to call if he was seen again.
5 p.m.: A student reported that his car got covered in grass because workers were cutting the lawn while he was parked in the International Technology, Education and Commerce Center parking lot.
6:03 p.m.: A female student reported that while she was looking at some posters in Cardenas Hall South, a man came up to her and began making conversation. The man asked her if the male student she was with earlier was her boyfriend. When she replied, "no," the man told her she was beautiful and must have a boyfriend. She refused his offer to go

out with him and began to ignore the man who continued to pursue her even after she told him she was a minor. As she was running away from him, he pulled up to her in his truck and told her they could be friends and then drove away. The student found a Campus Police guard near SET-B, and he escorted her to her vehicle.
7:42 p.m.: A student's car was booted for unpaid citations and for not displaying a parking permit correctly. The officer verified the permit's owner and found that it belonged to another student who the driver said was her brother. She told the officer they carpooled and her brother had let her use his permit. She was issued a citation for not displaying her permit properly and was advised to pay for the previous citations.
Wednesday, Sept. 28
10:53 p.m.: A student reported that she saw a Ford Explorer strike and force open the main exit gate in the Casa Bella student housing complex. A Campus Police officer on the scene found a license plate lying next to the gate and

it belonged to the UTB/TSC student driving the Explorer. By leaving the scene without reporting the incident, the student allegedly committed a class B misdemeanor. The damage totaled \$250.
Thursday, Sept. 29
4:47 p.m.: A Campus Police officer discovered marijuana inside a vehicle after pulling it over for failure to signal a turn on 18th and Polk streets. Both occupants in the vehicle were charged with drug paraphernalia and the vehicle was impounded.
Friday, Sept. 30
10:19 a.m.: A woman reported that at 10 a.m. she noticed that the tire of her Dodge Stealth had been slashed after it was parked in the International Technology, Education and Commerce Center parking lot. She did not notice the damage until after having driven about a half-mile. The Campus Police officer believed the puncture could have been made by a sharp object on the road.

--Compiled by Samantha Ruiz

Semester permit returning?

Parking and Traffic Committee considers option

By **Stephanie Mendez**
THE COLLEGIAN

UT-Brownsville Provost Alan Artibise says the semester parking permit might be available again in January along with the yearly one.

Artibise said he made a commitment to Student Government Association President Arturo Guerra “that we would take [the issue] to the campus parking permit committee.”

The Parking and Traffic Committee was scheduled to meet at 1:30 p.m. last Friday, after *The Collegian* went to press.

“They’re the ones who originally approved the change, by the way, and importantly, with SGA involvement,” the provost said. “They were involved in the original decision ... because they sat there in the campus committee and OK’d it, so we’re taking it back with my recommendation, that we accept what SGA is requesting, and that there be more than one option, so that you could buy a yearlong sticker, or a semester sticker.”

Irma Cavazos, the Physical Plant office supervisor and a member of the Parking and Traffic Committee, explained that the price of the current yearlong permit depends on when students buy it.

“If they come in the fall, they’re being charged \$60,” Cavazos said. “... If they come in the spring, they’re being charged \$40, and if they only come in the summer, they’re only going to be charged \$20.”

Asked what arrangements have been made with students who bought the \$60 permit but are graduating this December, Cavazos said: “You see, that’s the thing, we didn’t go into that. ... That’s what we’re going to discuss in the next meeting, what are we going to do now.”

When Cavazos was told that students think they are required to pay \$60 no matter when they purchase the permit, she said: “Oh no, no, no, no, no, that’s not what the committee agreed on. Shoot, man, everybody would be very upset about that. They’re paying by when they come in.”

Cavazos said the committee’s decision should have been announced well so students would understand that the amount they pay depends on when they purchase the permits.

“They need to explain it, so that students can understand, instead of thinking they have to pay \$60, no matter when they buy them,” Cavazos said.

She said her personal recommendation would be to reimburse the students for the semesters they didn’t attend.

“My personal recommendation would be if you get a permit in the fall, if they charge you \$60 [and you] graduate in December, then reimburse the student for the rest,” Cavazos said. “To me that would be perfect because since we only have the yearly permits, and you tell me, ‘I’m only going to be here for the fall,’ how do I know that when I’m selling it to you?”

Cavazos said she was not aware that students thought the yearly permit was \$60 no matter when they would buy it.

“Now I understand why they were all upset,” she said.

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OVERRIDDEN

By **Stephanie Mendez**
THE COLLEGIAN

In a 19-5 vote last Tuesday, the Student Government Association overrode President Arturo Guerra’s veto of a resolution authorizing the purchase of graduation rings for two outstanding students.

The veto sparked another heated debate among the senate on Resolution 7, which was approved by the senate on Oct. 4. The issue drew seven people to the meeting, including four former members of the SGA, all of whom spoke in favor of buying the rings.

“After hearing from some senators that were not for the resolution, I decided to veto it, not because I want to end the tradition, but because I think they have a point, which is a high price for the rings, so I ask you all to reconsider the amount of money that is being spent on these rings,” Guerra said. “... There are more things that we can do with \$1,200, such as a big event for all the students on campus ... or other type of recognition for other students.”

Yareli Iglecias, senator for the College of Biomedical Sciences and Health Professions, defended the purchase.

“I’m hearing that a lot of you are complaining about the amount of money,” Iglecias said. “Last meeting, I heard the word ‘outrageous.’ Most of us aren’t aware, since we’re new senators, that the [SGA] president gets paid \$5,400 for his position, every year, so if we get that amount of money and we divide it by \$600, which is the amount that the ring costs, we can give nine rings, so why isn’t that outrageous? Why isn’t that amount outrageous to some of us, if that’s what I heard last time? Six hundred dollars for a student--divided by four years that they helped this school--if you really

Senate continues debate on Scorpion leadership ring, rejects Guerra’s veto



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Yareli Iglecias, senator for the College of Biomedical Sciences and Health Professions, argues for the purchase of the Scorpion Leadership rings during last Tuesday’s SGA meeting. Also shown is Julio Ramos, also a senator for the college.

think about it, it’s nothing. They’ve been working hard bringing this school’s name up high and we’re not going to give them anything just because this amount is ‘outrageous,’ when it’s only \$600 compared to \$5,400?”

She told the senate to compare the amount of money the president is receiving to the amount the two rings cost.

“If the president wasn’t getting that amount of money and also that vice president ... we would have a budget of \$26,967, compared to [the current budget of] \$12,087, so that’s a big amount to compare to,” Iglecias said. “You’re complaining about the recession, what recession? We have a lot of money.”

Senator at Large Alfonso Almeida, who voted against the resolution, said the SGA receives 30 percent less than other University of Texas System student governments receive.

“We don’t have a big budget, it’s a low budget,” Almeida said. “About the ring, we all agreed there’s going to be two additional rings but we don’t want

SGA MEETINGS

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to pay \$1,200. It’s just too much for these rings. We can give plaques away or recognitions as well and that will be included in your [transcript], which is even better than the ring.”

Senator at Large Joe Lee Rubio said the SGA’s budget is smaller compared to other universities because its enrollment is smaller.

“You shouldn’t have any problem as far as money is concerned,” Rubio said. “... If we at some point need additional funds or things like that, we can apply for additional funds to cover additional programs. ... Really, money is not a big concern here, tradition is a big concern.”

SGA adviser Heather Olague noted that the senate does not have to raise funds as other student organizations on campus do.

“You do not have to go and sell hamburgers, or hot dogs or *raspas* to get

your budget, you are given that budget,” Olague said. “When you say low, in what perspective are you comparing that to? Because there’s a lot of other student organizations who might think you have a very high budget.”

College of Liberal Arts Senator Carlos Gutierrez remained firm against the amount of money set aside for the purchase.

“The money is way too much,” Gutierrez said. “I mean, it’s just a ring. There’s no need to spend more than \$100 [on] both of them. ... There are many, many other things that we can do with [the money], give thousands of books away ... and give notebooks.”

SGA adviser David Marquez clarified that the rings can be purchased only from one company, which is Balfour; therefore, it is not possible to look for less-expensive rings, as some senators had suggested.

“The official ring is only provided by one vendor and that’s it, bottom line, you can’t go shopping around for this and that,” Marquez said, adding that on average

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Ancient technology

"We need to upgrade the laptops that we're using right now because the ones we have are from like a decade ago, and they're really old and we can't really use them. It takes more time, and we can't have much time with the midterms right now going on in math. It's really hard to use them and I think [UTB/TSC] should update them ... now.



Tanide Gomez
Freshman art major

Keep it clean

"The restrooms in [Cardenas Hall] North are kind of dirty, especially in the second floor. Maybe if [UTB/TSC] could get some more people to clean that up more frequently, because it's a restroom that has a lot of use."



Carlos Luna
Freshman

Where is the dollar menu?

"There is no accessible food. All the food on campus is really expensive. It's impossible to eat lunch or anything for less than five bucks without going to Burger King or the gas station to get a taco or something. [UTB/TSC should] get a cafeteria or cheaper food. I'm not going to lie, California burgers are nice with avocado and stuff, but I don't always need to have a fancy lunch. Sometimes I just want a corn dog.



Cesar Riojas
Junior engineering physics-mechanical major

-Compiled by Marlane Ashley Rodriguez
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Letters TO THE EDITOR

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EDITORIAL

Shedding the Scorpion

Mascots equal marketing, and marketing means everything in our consumerist lives.

As the University of Texas at Brownsville enters a new era without the name of a community college as an appendage, the scorpion mascot will also be shed. In both cases, questions still fly regarding whether this separation will be any benefit to any person or institution.

When it comes to the scorpion, a type of venomous arachnid--not an insect, casting it off symbolizes the birth of a new university. Yes, we were a university before the dissolution of the partnership, but we argue that now we will be a "real" university after it.

The hybrid model, although unique, allowed a steady stream of students and financial aid cash

to flow, but had (and still has) its negative consequences: degradation in graduation rates, high dropout rates, stopout rates--you name it.

And, the UTB/TSC Scorpions carry that connotation with them. With their successes, luckily, our volleyball, chess, soccer and baseball teams ameliorate any damage the academic side could have caused.

With discussions under way, we as students must pay attention because we (or at least 19 percent of us) will graduate and forever be (insert new mascot name here). We need something powerful and truly emblematic of our unique region with our evergreen plants and subtropical climate.

What about something that represents our biculturalism or indigenous roots, like those we share

with the Karankawa or Coahuiltecan tribes? There is not much information on either of these tribes, and, in fact, the latter represents an area of Deep South Texas where many similar small tribes lived. The Karankawa have a more definitive persona: They were 6 feet tall, would wear little to no articles of what we would consider clothing, and smear mud all over their bodies to prevent insect bites. They carried long bows and tattooed themselves with designs.

UTB/TSC has a history--some good, some bad. Now, we have the opportunity to develop a symbol that will represent us in a new era for UT-Brownsville: one without negative associations and with ties to who we are as a culture that exists by the border and the sea.

The emperor has no clothes

Leadership ring discussion brings interesting fact to light

By Francisco Garza
THE COLLEGIAN



There is a story, "The Emperor's New Clothes," that goes like this:
A rich emperor gets conned into paying a lot of money for special clothes that can be seen only by smart people. After buying them, he decides to show these clothes off in a parade. In reality, there are no special clothes and the emperor is actually naked.

The SGA debate over the Scorpion Leadership ring made me think of this story.
The issue of whether the SGA should allocate \$1,200 for two Scorpion Leadership rings has polarized the senate.

Resolution 7, authorizing the purchase, was approved Oct. 4 and then vetoed last Tuesday by SGA President

Arturo Guerra. The senate then overrode the veto in a 19-5 vote.
Not everyone is happy with this result, including Guerra.
Many arguments can be made regarding the worthiness of the rings or whether the SGA should break the tradition of buying them, but the one thing that surprised me the most was that Yareli Iglecias, senator for the College of Biomedical Sciences and Health Professions, pointed out that the emperor has no clothes.
Iglecias said that Guerra gets paid a total of \$5,400 a year. She also said Guerra's stipend comes from the SGA budget. Iglecias pointed out that the SGA could buy nine rings using Guerra's stipend.
Whether or not you agree with the SGA's decision, you have to wonder why Guerra has a problem allocating \$1,200 for rings but seems to have no problem being paid almost five times that amount.



CHRISTOPHER PEÑA/COLLEGIAN

Tom Logan (right), director of Valley Metro, speaks about the proposal for a bus service that will connect Brownsville, Harlingen, Los Fresnos and San Benito. A public hearing on the plan was conducted last Wednesday in the Gorgas Hall boardroom. Also shown is Valley Metro's Program Administrator Rodney Gomez.

Second bus service coming Valley Metro's Route 45 to connect Cameron County cities, stop at UTB/TSC

By Marlane Ashley Rodriguez
THE COLLEGIAN

Valley Metro plans to start a new bus route that will connect Brownsville, Harlingen, San Benito and Los Fresnos starting in January 2012.

For only a \$1.50, students will be able to ride the bus to the four Cameron County cities, Valley Metro officials said during a public hearing on the proposal last Wednesday on the UTB/TSC campus.

The proposed bus stops are UTB/TSC, the City of Brownsville Multimodal Terminal, downtown Brownsville, Texas State Technical College in Harlingen, the Harlingen Valley Transit Co. station, downtown Harlingen, downtown San Benito, San Benito City Hall, Los Fresnos High School, Los Fresnos City Hall and Los Fresnos Memorial Park.

The proposed timetable includes transportation from 6:10 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Route 45 will include benefits such as a 50 percent discount for elderly and disabled passengers, students, veterans, and Medicare recipients. A 20-ride bus pass can be purchased for \$10 with the discount. Officials are working on having the tickets available for sale at UTB/TSC's Student Union.

The stop at UTB/TSC will be in front of Cardenas Hall North, where the Scorpion Metro bus stop is located. Scorpion Metro is a Brownsville Urban System route.

Valley Metro is operated by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, a voluntary association of local governments in Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy counties focused on promoting coordinated regional development, according to its website. The transit

system also serves Hidalgo and Willacy counties.

Its director, Tom Logan said the goal of the bus route is to expand public transportation throughout the Rio Grande Valley.

"We want to have seamless transportation to give people an opportunity to travel throughout the Valley without having to have a car or an alternative to a car," Logan said.

Rodney Gomez, program administrator for Valley Metro, said officials are working on having a design that can be associated with the bus.

"We are working with [UTB/TSC's Associate Vice President for Facilities and Planning] Veronica Mendez and your marketing department, as well, to create a nice design and slogan," Gomez said, adding that the appearance of the bus will change once the proposal is finalized so that it is "eye-catching."

UTB/TSC Information Writer Cheryl Taylor suggested Valley Metro directors consider organizing the route around the university's class times.

"Let's just say the last class gets out at 6:30 [p.m.]. ... There might be a point in which you might want to get that last group of students coming out," Taylor said.

Logan said Valley Metro will propose having a layover for late classes.

Valley Metro officials conducted four public hearings to inform the public on the new route, and to ensure the route will meet the public's needs. Wednesday's hearing was the final one on the plan before the route is finalized in December.

Valley Metro officials welcome suggestions that can be emailed to ValleyMetroRGV@gmail.com.

DECISION TIME

Beginning Tuesday, you must pick UTB or TSC status

By Daniel Perry
SPECIAL TO THE COLLEGIAN

Students at The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College will have a decision to make beginning Tuesday.

Students logging in to the student online registration process known as Scorpion Online will see a series of screens prompting them to decide whether their degree goal and level of college readiness fall under UTB or TSC. The choices will go into effect for the spring 2012 semester.

"We wanted to make sure it was up to the student and it was not chosen for them," said Rene Villarreal, associate vice president for Enrollment Management.

UTB will have bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees and will require that students be college ready for courses.

Students who are taking developmental courses and majoring in a four-year degree during the fall semester will be grandfathered into UTB, said Michael Putegnat, executive director of South Texas Academic Programs for the University of Texas System.

TSC will have

SEPARATION MILESTONES

Besides the virtual division of the student body, other milestones are coming up regarding the separation of UTB and TSC:

- NOW: Both institutions are collecting data for partnership separation negotiators.
- SPRING & SUMMER 2012: The negotiation team will discuss assets.
- MARCH 1, 2012: Separate UTB and TSC course catalogs will be available.
- SEPTEMBER 2012: Both institutions will finish accreditation reports. TSC will be in the process of hiring staff and faculty members.
- 2013: The physical separation of UTB and TSC will begin.

developmental programs, certificates and associate degrees. TSC will not announce until February what one-year and two-year degree programs will be offered, Putegnat said.

"Students may find community college tuition and fees by taking freshmen general education courses to be more economical, and many do; however, TSC's tuition for spring semester will be identical to UTB," he said.

Students who are currently double majoring in a two-year degree and a four-year degree can pick the institution that best suits their needs or visit an academic adviser, Putegnat said.

The selection of a home institution is in preparation for spring semester registration beginning Nov. 1.

"As students are visiting with academic advisers for mandatory advising sessions, we are helping

clarify program of study declaration as well as which types of programs typically are offered by two-year colleges and four-year institutions," said Claudia H. Heimmermann, director of the Academic Advising Center.

Academic advisers have also been visiting University College's First Year Seminar courses to talk about the virtual separation.

Students are being asked to declare which institution they are part of because of the implementation of UTB's new admissions standards beginning in Fall 2012, Villarreal said.

The final number of students having declared their home campus after spring semester begins in January and will give administrators from UTB and TSC the information needed to create financial models as part of the separation.

LENS WORTHY



COURTESY PHOTO

UTB/TSC junior art major Mariana Hernandez won Best of Show and \$100 for her work titled "No one is free when others are oppressed: New York City Gay Pride Parade" in the "Life thru the Lens" juried photo exhibit. The photo competition was sponsored by the Student Union. Honorable mention and \$50 went to Miguel Angel Roberts for "El Centro-Man" and to Corina Veazey for "Through Her Eyes."

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PERMIT

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“I’ll put it in the agenda, so that way, next meeting we can discuss that.”

SGA President Arturo Guerra told *The Collegian* he proposed having the parking permit survey on Blackboard to show that the students didn’t want a yearly permit.

“The problem is that not all students come for every semester,” Guerra said. “Even if you come one session, you have to pay \$20 for both summers.”

Guerra said having yearly and semester permits is the best solution.

“If they are going to come only one semester, they should have the option to buy only one semester, not have to buy extra semesters,” he said. “That’s unfair.”

Asked if he knew last year’s SGA approved the yearly parking permit, he replied: “They used to have two representatives over there, but it was never brought to the senate.”

Artibise said the parking committee is composed of faculty, staff, students, Campus Police and physical facilities, and they set policy for parking, but UTB President Juliet V. García and he make the final decisions.

“I’ve already indicated I’m in favor of making the change [for both],” he said. “... It’s up to the parking committee to make a recommendation to me, and I’ve encouraged them to move in that direction. I hope my recommendation will carry some weight, but I can’t force them to do something. So that’s what the committee is there for.”

RING

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the senate has spent between \$900 and \$1,000 on the rings.

Two past recipients of the Scorpion Leadership ring and other students addressed the SGA on the issue.

“I’m not here to tell you to vote one way or the other, but I’m here to tell you what it means to me and being able to get the ring,” said last year’s SGA President Jorge Muñoz, who was awarded the leadership ring last year and likened it to a cherry on top of a banana split. “... My academic career, with all the experiences that I had, without my ring probably would’ve been the same.”

Muñoz said leaders get compensation. “Simple things as a certificate,” he said.

“Why do you do that? Because it means something and besides the \$900 that the ring cost, it doesn’t mean that to me, every time I look at it, it signifies what I am. If you notice, I wear a scorpion on my necklace ... because I’m a UTB student and I’m proud of who I am, and this right here signifies the same thing to me and for you to cut that opportunity from another student, is it right or wrong? It’s up to you.”

Michael E. Aldape, another ring recipient, said his ring “is the tangible evidence of four years of success.”

“I worked hard for my ring and there are a lot of student leaders here on campus who worked just as hard, even harder than I did, and they deserve the same chance that

He said that if the semester parking permits are offered again, it probably won’t be until next year because the yearly permits have already being printed and students have already bought them.

“It might be possible to start having the choices available in January, but we have to get through this year now because now I assume most students have bought a yearlong parking sticker so we’ll have to work out the logistics of how we implement it, but certainly by next summer, we should be able to put this into effect at the latest,” Artibise said.

Asked if students who will graduate in December and those who won’t come for the whole year will be reimbursed, he replied: “That’s what I mean, we have to work that out. ... I don’t know, I leave that up to the police chief, he is, they’re the ones who issue them, so they’re going to have to sort out how best to deal with that.”

The provost said the yearly parking permit was implemented this semester because students would complain they would have to line up twice a year to buy the permits, and that the yearly was a solution to that problem.

“The complaint was that you always had to line up and you had to do it every semester and it was a hassle, so we figured, how do you get rid of the hassle?” Artibise said. “Well, you do it once right? That’s why the decision was made. ... So students need to understand if we go back to having two options, it means if students don’t buy a yearlong one, they’re going to have to line up twice.”

I had, to apply, go through the application process, list their accomplishments, have it reviewed by a committee and then approved,” Aldape said. “To get that approval, to say “yes, your actions as a student leader on the UTB/TSC campus is enough to garner you the scorpion leadership ring, that’s huge.”

Former SGA member Joshua Law said the ring is worth the cost to recognize students for their leadership abilities.

“That one person probably affected tons and tons of people and probably changed the face of this campus,” Law said. “Do they deserve that ring? Hell yes, and for the student government not to want to support them with that ring and to honor them, it’s just very sad.”

Scorpionation leader and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity vice president William Fern said: “I believe that our leadership here as a student body should get rewarded I agree with those who voted for the ring. And for those who didn’t, I really wish you guys would reconsider.”

TKE President Michael Quiñones said: “As a leader, I do everything I do not to get any kind of applause or any kind of ring, I do it because I love my brothers. ... If you take [the ring] away this time, it’s really bad for the two people that didn’t get it this year. What about the rest of you guys? How would you guys feel?”

In other business, the senate approved Resolution 8, which authorizes spending no more than \$1,000 on SGA shirts for all members.

Noche de Estrellas was among the university’s events held in observance of Hispanic Heritage Month.

The show mimicked the famous Univision TV show “Sabado Gigante with Don Francisco Presenta” when a student donned a monkey mask and impersonated “El Chacal.”

Other contestants in the talent show performed such songs as “Hurt” by Christina Aguilera, “You and I” by Lady Gaga, “Rolling in the Deep” by Adele and “Misery” by Maroon 5.

Student Life sponsored the event.

CANCER

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“Once you hear those words, ‘you’ve got cancer,’ it’s like you have two options,” Medina said. “It’s either you’re going to give up or fight like hell, and so I decided to fight, and I was going to get myself through it.”

She fought her battle at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. There, she discovered she had the BRCA 2 gene.

Medina said her mother was struck by breast cancer at age 35 and survived.

“I was familiar with what she had gone through, that’s one of the reasons why I would give myself breast exams,” she said. “I always knew that I maybe had a chance of having breast cancer, but since she was 35 and I was already 43, I thought, maybe, I had already beat the odds.”

What also increased her risk was the fact that her maternal grandmother had ovarian cancer at age 70 and her paternal great-grandmother died of breast cancer.

In Medina’s immediate family, so far, no one else has had the disease.

“Of everybody in the family, I’m the only one with breast cancer,” she said. She jokingly added that she’s “the lucky one.”

In January 2010, Medina began undergoing surgeries to remove her lymph nodes to help prevent the spread of the cancer. By the end of that month, the left breast was removed.

Medina started chemotherapy in March 2010. A year later, her right breast was removed as a preventive measure.

“Nausea, a lot of body ache, hair loss, of course,” she said, describing the side effects of chemotherapy. “Your eyelashes come off, eyebrows come off, and [your] nails become brittle.”

The stronger the dosage, the more it affects your white blood cells, which help fight illnesses. It’s easy to contract a cold because your immune system is weakened. Anemia is another side effect.

The chemotherapy didn’t have as damaging effects as the radiation she underwent for six weeks afterward.

Medina said your skin blisters, suffering third-degree burns and becoming very sensitive. The pain is excruciating.

“When your clothes are just rubbing against your skin, your skin just starts to fall off,” she said.

Medina said she is now cancer-free. Going through the ordeal was hard, but she was glad to make it.

“Faith and prayers and the support of not only my family but my co-workers and friends has really gotten me through it,” she said. “It’s a long, painful journey, but it’s better to have a rough journey than no journey at all.”

She said in order to survive cancer, a person needs to look at things positively.

“You need to have a good sense of humor to get you through the bad days when [your] hair is falling off and everybody’s staring at you, [and] looking at you like you’ve got something that’s contagious,” Medina said.

Currently, she is having reconstructive surgery, which is “a long and painful process,” explaining that in order to insert breast implants, surgeons need to expand the skin regularly and take body fat from the buttocks, stomach or back.

Medina said they are twisting her back

muscle to her chest to provide support for an implant.

“If I had to go back, I wouldn’t get the reconstruction,” she said.

As a cancer survivor, Medina is glad to share her experiences and give advice to others diagnosed with the disease.

“We all have a story to tell and we share our experiences and helpful hints with other women that are diagnosed with cancer,” Medina said. “Dealing with cancer, you learn to create strength from a bad situation and learn to use that energy to focus on staying healthy and hopeful.”

Medina’s advises women to check themselves routinely.

“Early detection is the key,” she said. “Detecting breast cancer in the early stages provides the greatest chance of recovery.

“Don’t rely on technology to detect cancer, I’ve had mammograms for over 20 years and it was never detected. You have to be persistent, your body gives out warning signs, listen to those signs.”

Along with her breast cancer checkups, she gets monitored for ovarian cancer. Medina said she is afraid of the cancer returning and possibly getting another type because of her genetics.

“It never ends; it’s just finding the energy to stay healthy and to beat it,” she said. “It’s basically just placing your life in God’s hands and it’s His will.”

“It’s either you’re going to give up or fight like hell, and so I decided to fight.”

Debbie Abrego-Medina, Administrative Assistant for the Vice President of Student Affairs

In observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the university’s athletic teams have raised funds for research.

The volleyball and soccer teams will continue to wear and sell pink Scorpion T-shirts throughout October.

Ronnie Zamora, director of sports information and marketing for UTB/TSC Athletics, told *The Collegian* that proceeds from the T-shirt sales will go to the Susan G. Komen Search for the Cure Foundation.

Zamora said that baseball Coach Bryan Aughney started the tradition of wearing pink during October in 2009. Aughney lost his mother to breast cancer when he was 17.

Though baseball season starts in the spring, Zamora said the Scorpions still promote breast cancer awareness by wearing pink jerseys during some of their games.

If you are interested in helping the teams in raising money for this foundation, the volleyball and soccer teams still have about 50 T-shirts to sell.

The shirts are \$6 for students and \$10 for non-students.

The Scorpion men’s and women’s soccer teams will sell shirts at their next home games, scheduled Thursday and Saturday. The volleyball will sell some during their home games on Friday and Sunday.



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TALENT

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signature “Bidi Bidi Bom Bom.” Orozco and The Gaga Crew, a group of female students, closed the show by performing “Come On” by Rihanna. Orozco’s co-host was Ivette Ugalde.

Judging the contest were Christina Cabrera, a member of the Master Chorale; Zelma Mata, chair of the Department of Health and Human Performance; Diandra Cavazos, a dance instructor and owner of a dance studio; and senior math major David Boon.

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Second chances

Pulitzer Prize winner
relays story that led to KKK
member’s indictment

By Francisco Garza
THE COLLEGIAN

Hundreds of students listened to David M. Oshinsky in the Jacob Brown auditorium last Thursday as he recounted a story from his life as part of UTB/TSC’s Distinguished Lecture Series.

“I thought I would share with you a story that I tell very infrequently; it is a story about second chances,” Oshinsky said.

When he was in college at Cornell University, he had the opportunity to participate in the civil rights movement.

“The problem was that the movement was very small, and the issue that had to be decided was voting rights,” Oshinsky said, adding that Mississippi was the worst state in regard to denying African-Americans the right to vote.

“In the summer of 1964, when I was about 19 years old, a group of students around the country organized what was called Freedom Summer. It was an attempt by students to go down to Mississippi and register black voters,” he said.

The Ku Klux Klan was alive and well in Mississippi and terrorized the population, Oshinsky said, adding that it was a “very dangerous notion” for college students to go.

He said that African-Americans were being killed very violently but were getting no media attention.

“The belief was that if Northern college kids, white kids ... came down to Mississippi, the media would follow,” Oshinsky said. My secret at that time was that I did not have the guts to go down there. I knew that what was going on was right and it was just, but I also knew that the chances to be beaten or killed were very great.”



MICHELLE SERRANO/COLLEGIAN
David M. Oshinsky discusses how the civil rights movement affected him personally.

He decided not to go.

“The worst incident that occurred during Freedom Summer was towards the very beginning,” Oshinsky said.

The Klan had burned down a black church in the town of Philadelphia, Miss., that had been used as the headquarters to register black voters.

He said three student activists, Mickey Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney, went to look at the church after it had been destroyed.

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Author Carmen Tafolla to speak here Tuesday

By Francisco Garza
THE COLLEGIAN

Award-winning writer Carmen Tafolla will speak at the first Latino Leadership Lecture Series, scheduled at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union’s Gran Salon.

The lecture is sponsored by the Student Union.

“One of our goals is to increase cultural awareness,” said Patricia Longoria, the Student Union’s assistant director.

Longoria said there is a problem with Latino students not knowing about their heritage.

“The reason Latino students do not feel proud of their heritage is because there are not enough programs to educate them,” she said. “The goal behind the Latino lecture series is educational but it is also a cultural enrichment activity for the students and the community.”

Longoria said Tafolla last visited UTB/TSC in the 1990s. She said that when it was discussed who would open series, the author came up because “she is a really neat person, and I really think the students would enjoy her.”

Tafolla is a native of San Antonio and has been published in more than 200 anthologies, magazines, journals and textbooks.

Among her works are short stories, poems, books, screenplays, numerous articles and essays, according to her website. In 2010 her book, “What Can You DO with a Paleta?” won the Charlotte Zolotow Award for Best Children’s Picture Book and the Tomás Rivera Mexican-American Book Award for children’s books.

Tafolla earned a doctorate in bilingual and foreign language education from the University of Texas in 1982.

Longoria believes students will relate to Tafolla more than other lecturers.

“Maybe in the past we have provided speakers but they weren’t speakers who were relatable to our students and our community,” she said.

Next semester, the series will feature one of the founders of La Raza Unida Party, Jose Angel Gutierrez.

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PRO- FESSOR of the MONTH



Name: Cheryl Phelps
Hometown: Brownsville
Title: Assistant dean of College of Liberal Arts and assistant professor of Spanish
Teaches: Spanish language and literature
Purpose of classes: To help students become educated professionals in the areas of Spanish, especially those related to composition and research.
Degrees: Bachelor’s degree in Spanish and English and a master’s degree in Spanish and French from the University of North Texas, plus an additional 30 hours of graduate study. Also studied abroad in Spain and Mexico.
Favorite subject: Language and linguistics
Hobbies: Traveling and gardening. Phelps said she enjoys these activities because of the stimulation it gives her. “The gardening particularly is good therapy, relaxing,” she said.
Interests: Puerto Rican literature and the Latin American film industry
Number of years working at UTB/TSC: 27
Previous occupations: Phelps has taught her whole professional life, including when she directed an ESL program in Michigan for two years. She was hired to direct the program and train the volunteer teachers on how to give lesson plans. “Some of the local churches teamed up with the school district where I was living, and were able to bring many families, refugee families from Cambodia,” Phelps said. “They were in great need of an ESL program to teach English. It was a huge job, but a very rewarding job.”
Interesting fact: Phelps said many students ask why she teaches Spanish. The professor said she was raised in a Hispanic environment. She was born in Edinburg and was 9 years old when she and her family moved to Puerto Rico. She said the struggle to communicate moved her to learn the language. “That really gave me my career,” she said.

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Samanta Fuentes-Tapia, a graduate student in astrophysics and researcher, looks through the Nompuewenu Observatory telescope Oct. 8 during the World Space Week celebration.

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Observatory tour ends World Space Week

By Alexandra Gracia
THE COLLEGIAN

More than 150 students and individuals from the community visited UTB/TSC’s Nompuewenu Observatory Oct. 8 for World Space Week.

The observatory, housed near the Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center on Ringgold Road, was built in 2007.

World Space Week was established to share the wonders of space with the community.

Visiting the observatory was one of the many activities held on campus. At the International Technology, Education and Commerce Campus, attendees participated in solar system, comet and space ship model building, face painting and 3-D solar system tours. The Teacher Quality Program sponsored demonstrations and a lecture on astrobiology.

Jessica Rivera, a sophomore engineering physics major, was one of 200 volunteers for the event.

“I came to volunteer with the telescopes here so we could look at the sun and the moon, through a telescope,” Rivera said.

Senior biology major Rocío Rangel enjoyed the tour because she is interested in the universe.

“I think it’s interesting to see what else is in our universe. There’s more than us,” Rangel said. “You learn a lot of stuff. They really explain how they see the planets, [like] Jupiter, and the sun.”

Rangel also attended the presentations in ITECC before visiting the observatory.

The research group at the Nompuewenu Observatory focuses on optical astronomy, astrophotography and spectrometry.

Samanta Fuentes-Tapia, a graduate student in astrophysics who conducts research at the observatory, fell in love with astronomy when she was about 6 years old.

“I remember being like 6 years old going out to my backyard with my parents looking at the stars falling when there was a meteor shower, things like that, I’ve always liked it,” Fuentes-Tapia said.

The Nompuewenu Observatory gives tours every Friday. To schedule a group visit, call the Center for Gravitational Wave Astronomy at 882-6678.



Nancy Marroquin, assistant director of the Episcopal Day School, holds her son Juan Alejandro Marroquin as he looks through a telescope at the Nompuewenu Observatory.

Sophomore engineering physics major Jessica Rivera watches as Roland Villarreal holds his son up to look through a telescope set up outside the Nompuewenu Observatory.



LECTURE

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“On the way home, coming through the town of Philadelphia, they were stopped by the local sheriff,” Oshinsky said. “They were thrown into jail and while they were spending time in jail, the sheriff called the Ku Klux Klan and got a posse together.”

He said the Klan’s leader was a local preacher named Edgar Ray Killen.

“After about six hours, the three civil rights workers were let go by the sheriff,” Oshinsky said. Klan members followed them, ran them off the road and killed them.

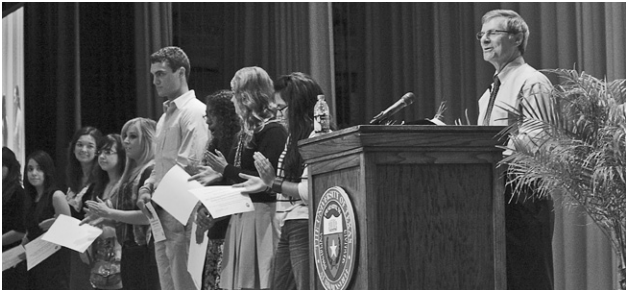
“About 15 Ku Klux Klan

members, including the leader Edgar Ray Killen, were put on trial for federal charges ... for violating the civil rights of the dead workers; most of them were acquitted, including the preacher,” he said.

Oshinsky said that about 30 years later, files were uncovered in Mississippi that could have information regarding the killings.

“*The New York Times* asked me to go down to Mississippi, to look at those files and to see if I could find out anything about Schwerner, Goodman and Chaney, anything, anything at all that might reopen the case,” he said.

He went to Mississippi with his teenage son and a *New York Times*



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David M. Oshinsky (right), Pulitzer Prize-winning author, awards essay contest winners during his morning lecture in the Jacob Brown Auditorium Thursday.

photographer.

“So I take a look at the files, my son is with me, and one thing is clear ... all of the roads lead to the preacher Edgar Ray Killen,” Oshinsky said.

He said that before he could write the article he needed to interview Killen.

“This is 30 years later, he has never given an

interview and he always refused to speak to the press, so I called the preacher up,” Oshinsky said.

He believed Killen would not talk to him if he told him the truth, so Oshinsky told the preacher he was working on an article about religion.

“I told the preacher I was

doing an article on religion in Mississippi,” Oshinsky said. “I’ve heard he was a great preacher and I wanted to talk to him.”

The preacher agreed to meet him and ended up inviting him, his son and the photographer to dinner at his house.

As they got to the preacher’s house, Oshinsky’s heart sank. The preacher lived in the same place where the civil right activists had been murdered 30 years ago.

“I get to interview the preacher, he talks about how he has been abused by the FBI and how he did not kill the activists but was not sad they had died,” he said. “We sat down to dinner and for the next four hours the

preacher [and his brother] went on the most incredible racial and religious tirade.”

He said that as they were leaving, the photographer got off the car and took a picture and told him: “This is the last scene that those three boys saw before they were killed.”

After the interview, Oshinsky went back to New York and wrote the article. In it he called for Killen’s indictment.

Five years later, Killen was convicted of murder and sentenced to three consecutive 20-year terms.

“Do what I didn’t do in 1964, take a chance,” Oshinsky told the students, encouraging them to get involved in a social movement.

POLICY

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opportunity to get their case heard because “every student has the right to be heard.”

In response to some of the residents’ concerns of random inspections at Casa Bella, Pulido said police officers only enter with the approval of the residents.

“Most of the time when we find [alcohol violations] it’s because the [resident assistants] are doing a safety check,” he said. “If they see something in plain sight, they call us, then we go and if it’s in plain sight, we’re not going to be searching for it. If it’s there, then we’ll seize it and find who’s responsible for bringing it in.”

Stoves said resident assistants only examine rooms as part of the procedure for a health and safety check. The purpose of these inspections, he said, is to make sure that rooms are relatively clean and not posing a potential danger to anyone.

“We don’t go through people’s drawers, we don’t go through their closets, we don’t go looking in their fridge, it’s just a surface look because, again, what one person does in their room necessarily affects many others,” he said. “So, if somebody has a potential fire hazard in their room, they’re not just affecting themselves, they’re affecting everybody around them. So, that’s why those health and safety checks are so important.”

The only reason Campus Police would monitor a room is if it is one of the rooms that are known to have parties with alcohol. Officers and resident assistants don’t go looking for violations.

Stoves said he is not trying “to bring down the Hammer of Thor” on students. His goal is that some type of education will be provided.

“The purpose is that you may have gotten yourself in trouble but that doesn’t mean that it’s not a possibility for experience, so

it’s not just punishment,” Stoves said.

He uses a Council on Rehabilitation Education survey as his guide in reference to parties. That survey showed that most students prefer to be in an alcohol-free environment.

Casa Bella will begin sponsoring more Friday and Saturday activities as an alternative to drinking for students who want to party safely.

“We know that students will drink but if they’re going to do so, be smart about it, whether it’s a designated driver, [or] make sure you go together as a group,” Stoves said.

The campus alcohol policy is something Stoves said everyone should know about. A copy can be found online at <http://www.utb.edu/ba/police/Documents/annual-report.pdf>. If students have a question or concern, he said he would be more than welcome to talk about it with them.

“As far as not having alcohol here in housing, that’s a pretty well-known and established fact,” he said. “It’s something that when we purchased Casa Bella, the residents that were living here knew that. Several of them forwent their leases because of [it].”

Pulido believes that alcohol only leads to greater issues.

“I personally don’t think [alcohol is] productive, that’s not what [students are] here for, and that is the policy,” he said.

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Feria Fronteriza del Libro concluye con éxito

Por Viridiana Zúñiga
EDITORA DE ESPAÑOL

Vivian Mansour Manzur solía dedicarse a escribir anuncios publicitarios, pero su vida



Vivian Manosur Manzur lee algunas de sus historias a los niños.

cambió después de ganar un concurso de cuentos infantiles.

“La sensación de terminar un libro y de ver la reacción que provocó en los niños, me hizo decidir incursionar en el mundo de la literatura infantil”.

Mansour es una de los escritores que fueron invitados a asistir a la primer Feria Fronteriza del Libro, organizada por el Consulado de México en Brownsville, en colaboración con la Universidad de Texas en Brownsville.

El evento se llevó a cabo de jueves a sábado en la explanada del Centro Internacional de Educación y Comercio (ITECC, por sus siglas en inglés), ofreciendo un amplia gama de expresiones artísticas a cientos de visitantes.

Se exhibieron miles de libros de diversas casas editoras en 20 estantes diferentes. Célebres escritores como Mansour fueron invitados a participar en presentaciones y firma de libros.

La escritora mexicana de títulos infantiles como “¡Fuiste tú!” y “La mala del cuento”, leyó amablemente algunas de sus obras a los niños del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Brownsville (BISD, por sus siglas en inglés).

Entre las obras de Mansour, se encuentra “La vida útil de Pillo Polilla”, que cuenta la historia de una polilla habitante de una biblioteca que se alimentaba de libros. El personaje aprende a leer y sale a la calle en busca de la razón por la que las polillas habían venido al mundo.

“La idea para este cuento me vino cuando estaba leyendo un libro y, justo en el lugar donde estaba escrito el nombre del asesino de la historia, había un hoyo... ¡una polilla se había comido esa parte!”, dijo Mansour. “Me pareció gracioso y me inspiró a contar la historia de Pillo”.

La oriunda de Harlingen, Mona Seizer, una premiada escritora que tiene más de 30 libros publicados, estuvo en el evento promocionando sus obras y dando una presentación de su publicación más reciente “The Glory Guys: The Story of the U.S. Army Rangers”. Este libro cuenta las verídicas vicisitudes

por las que los oficiales de los soldados del ejército de Estados Unidos han pasado desde las Guerras Indias y la guerra contra Francia, hasta las guerras de Irak y Afganistán. El libro incluye historias de famosos personajes bélicos como Robert Rogers, William Barker Cushing y Ralph Puckett.

Pat McGrath Avery, escritora de la premiada historia “Tunnel Massacre Survivors”, que habla sobre los sobrevivientes de una masacre en los primeros



Niños visirantes observando las demostraciones plásticas exhibidad en la Feria Fronteriza del Libro.

días de la Guerra de Corea y “Role Call: Women’s Voices”, asistió a la feria con su más reciente creación, “Murder Is for the Birds”, en la que un perro y un pájaro ayudan a una detective a resolver el misterio de un crimen.



PAT McGRATH

Durante la feria y en el marco de la X Conferencia Literaria “Letras en el Estuario”, escritores deleitaron al público con lecturas de sus obras.

La conferencia, organizada por el Ateneo Literario “José Arrese” y el Departamento de Lenguas Modernas de UTB/TSC, se llevó a cabo con la participación magistral del escritor Héctor Carreto, profesor de la Universidad Autónoma de la Ciudad de México y recipiente de diversos premios literarios.

En la ponencia, el profesor del Departamento de Lenguas Modernas, Juan Antonio González, presentó la novena edición de “Novosantanderino”, una compilación de escritos publicados con la finalidad de ofrecer a los estudiantes el acceso a las obras y los nombres de las letras mexicanas contemporáneas más importantes.

González habló sobre la historia y gestación del proyecto y ofreció a la audiencia la lectura de algunas poesías contenidas en



FOTOS COLLEGIAN

Cartelón de la película “Hay viene Martín Corona”, del Archivo Cinematográfico Agrasánchez.

el libro.

“Novosantanderino” está disponible en el Departamento de Lenguas Modernas. Para más información, comuníquese al 882-8831.

Rosa Ramos, directora de la Plaza Comunitaria Southmost,

aquellos que disfrutaron de la época de oro del cine mexicano, tienen una historia que da comienzo en la Guerra Civil española, cuando numerosos artistas emigraron desde la Madre Patria, hacia México.

“Una gran parte de esos artistas

incursionaron en la cinematografía y se dedicaron a hacer anuncios para las películas”, dijo Evangelina García-Moreno, cónsul para Asuntos Culturales, Promoción Comercial, Turística y Acervo. “El resultado fue una maravilla, pues estos anuncios son obras de arte hechas con técnicas como puntillismo, cubismo y

utilizó la música para contar cuentos a los niños invitados y les ofreció panderos y tambores para acompañarla. La plaza ofrece una serie de talleres musicales de lectura y los programas de salud y educación del consulado.

Voluntarios de UTB/TSC y de

caricatura”.

Por parte de UTB/TSC, se llevó a cabo la obra “Las ranas”, de Tony Broadwick, y “El último fuego” de Sharaf Rehman, presidente del Departamento de Comunicación de UTB/TSC, con la participación de estudiantes



Estudiantes de BISD escogen entre millares de libros que se expusieron en la explanada del ITEC.

la librería pública de Brownsville leyeron varios cuentos a los niños.

Alrededor de la explanada, se podían apreciar las muestras de artes plásticas que el consulado presentó.

La feria se engalanó con las obras del fotógrafo Charles Cecil quien puso a disposición del consulado su colección llamada “Roma”. También se pudo apreciar la exhibición “Danzón” de Cristina Kahlo, la sobrina nieta de la pintora mexicana Frida Kahlo.

Cartelones del Archivo Cinematográfico Agrasánchez, de Rogelio Agrasánchez, fueron expuestos en la feria.

Dichos cartelones, ampliamente conocidos por

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¿Cuál es tu inspiración? “Mi inspiración es el mundo en sí. Hay tantos lugares y tanto que hacer que cualquier cosa me puede atrapar. Sólo me inspira la idea de ser parte de algo”.

¿Cuál sería tu trabajo ideal? “Mi trabajo ideal sería trabajar como actuario o ser parte de TKE en el área de administración financiera”.

¿Qué técnicas usas para estudiar? “Todo depende de la clase, porque hago lo que el maestro me pide. Como estudio matemáticas, por lo general practico los problemas de los libros”.

¿Cuál es tu consejo para los alumnos de nuevo ingreso? “Mi consejo es que no tengan miedo de ser quienes son. Pueden ser parte de organizaciones de la escuela, pues hay para todos los gustos. Así que busquen personas como ustedes y diviértanse”.

Anécdota: “Recuerdo que hace unos días estuve en el evento ‘Rock’n’Beats’ y, hasta ahora, es la actividad en la que he estado que más me ha gustado”.

--Recopilado por Viridiana Zúñiga



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COURTESY PHOTO

UTB/TSC student Jennifer Degollado of Grupo Control performs recently in Oklahoma City, Okla.

UTB/TSC student joins dad, uncle in Tejano's Grupo Control

By Leslie Annette Lopez
THE COLLEGIAN

While most college students have a regular part-time job, 18-year-old freshman Jennifer Degollado deals with not only pursuing her education and following her dreams at the same time.

Degollado was born and raised in Harlingen, and at age 15 became interested in singing and playing instruments. She plays various instruments such as the keyboard, accordion, *bajo sexto* and the guitar.

In June 2010, she joined the Tejano band Grupo Control.

Grupo Control was started in 1999 by Jennifer's father, lead vocalist and bass player Sergio Alberto Degollado, and his

brother, José Guadalupe Degollado, who is also a singer for the group.

"Control plays cumbia, Norteño and ranchera songs, you know, like regional Mexican music," said Degollado, who also plays and sings for Control.

Degollado said she has always been a big fan of the group and enjoys playing alongside her father.

Sergio Degollado said his daughter has always had an interest in music and enjoys having her beside him when they are on stage.

"My daughter really likes music, she asked me for it, she told me, 'Hey dad, I want to be with you in the group' and I told her that I would make a disc for her if she wanted, but she told me that she wanted to be with me in Control, so I told her OK,

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Between the Lines

Volleyball

The UTB/TSC Women’s Volleyball team looks to continue its march to the playoffs, coming home for two matches. They will face Houston’s University of St. Thomas at 7 p.m. Friday before playing Austin’s Huston-Tillotson University at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The Scorpions played Texas Wesleyan University last Friday and Southwestern Assemblies of God University on Saturday. Results were not available at press time.

At home on Oct. 7, the women made quick work of New Mexico’s University of the Southwest by scores of 25-17, 25-3 and 25-7. The decisive victory marked the 300th of Athletics Director and Head Coach Todd Lowery’s career. He was presented a plaque to commemorate the achievement in the sport.

No. 301 came the following day as the Scorpions handled Bacone College in three sets, 25-13, 25-20 and 25-9.

The team continues to be the unanimous No.1-ranked team in the 2011 Tachikara-NAIA Volleyball Coaches’ Top 25 Poll.

The Red River Athletic Conference named Scorpion junior Paula Barros as Libero of the Week for her play from Oct. 3-9.

Women’s Soccer

The Scorpions will observe Parents’ Weekend this week, playing at 5 p.m. Thursday against Louisiana State University-Shreveport before meeting Northwood University at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The women played Southwestern Assemblies of God in Waxahachie last Saturday. Results were not available at press time.

The Scorpions defeated Austin’s Huston-Tillotson University 9-0 last Thursday to improve their overall record to 10-2-1 and 5-0 in conference, tying them for first place with Our Lady of The Lake University.

Forwards Laura Luis and Verena Wonsikowski each scored two goals. Forwards Samantha Garcia and Linette Cuvillier, midfielders Helen “Waggi” Wagstaff and Isadora Freitas and defender Danielle Lea each added a goal, according to UTB/TSC’s Athletics website. The team has won 10 of its last 11 games and is, as of press time, on an eight-game winning streak.

On Oct. 11, the team met Laredo’s Texas A&M International University on the Scorpion Soccer Field and defeated the Dustdevils 5-2. Five Scorpions scored in the first half of the game and the defense tightened up in the second half, allowing only a penalty kick score by the Dustdevils to get the win.

On Oct. 8, the Scorpions played their most lopsided game, dominating Bacone

College 11-0. The offensive explosion was led by Garcia’s three goals.

Luis, who leads the team with 10 goals, received the RRAC Women’s Soccer Co-Offensive Player of the Week honor for her outstanding play the week of Oct. 3-9, in which she registered four goals and an assist.

Men’s Soccer

The men’s soccer team returns home to face Shreveport’s Louisiana State University at 7 p.m. Thursday followed by a match against Northwood University at 3 p.m. Saturday.

The Scorpions played Southwestern Assemblies of God in Waxahachie last Saturday. Results were not available at press time.

The team fell to Huston-Tillotson University in Austin last Thursday. The 3-1 final was the first loss for the men in nine games.

As of press time, the Scorpions are 7-4-2 overall and 5-1-1 in conference.

On Oct. 8, the men defeated Bacone College 5-1. The attack was led by forward Mario Perez’s two goals. Perez received the RRAC Men’s Soccer Co-Offensive Player of the Week honor for the week of Oct. 3-9.

Men’s Golf

The UTB/TSC Men’s Golf Team could not recover from a slow start at the Harold Funston Invitational hosted by Sam Houston State University Oct. 10-11 in

Huntsville. The Scorpions finished 11th in a field of 12 teams with scores of 309 in the first round and 311 in the second for a total score of 620, according to the UTB/TSC Athletics website.

Senior Anthony Milligan led the team with a combined score of 151, shooting a 77 in the first round and improving to a 74 in the second.

Sophomore Eric Cavazos was four strokes behind with a 155, shooting a 78 and 77 in his two rounds, followed closely by seniors Vince Cavazos, who shot 78 on both days for a 156 total, and Adam Haley, who had a 76 in Round 1 but a tough second round in which he shot an 82, which gave him a 158 total. Junior Adam Vera rounded out the team with scores of 80 and 84 for a 164 total.

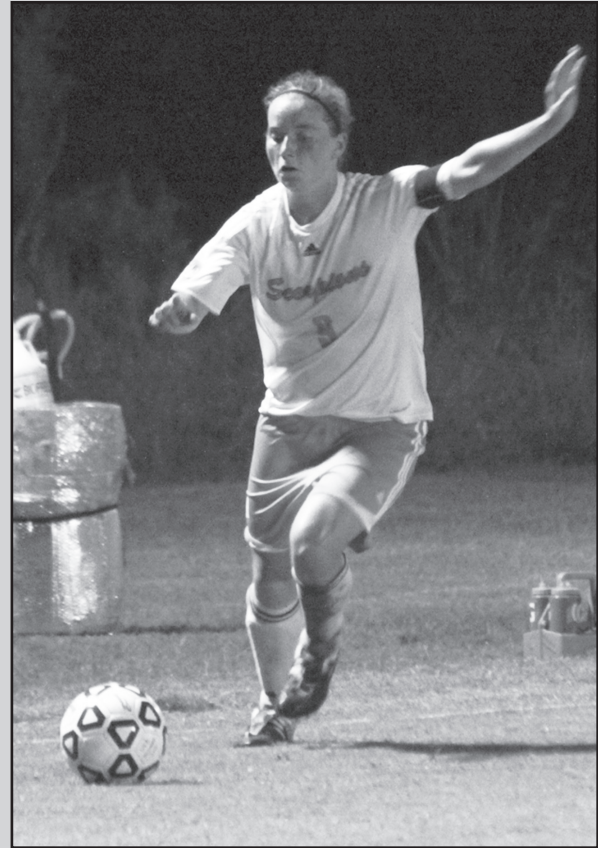
The men will hit the links again Oct. 25 to participate in the Northwood Fall Shootout hosted by Northwood University in Grand Prairie.

--Compiled by Alejandro Rivera
--Photo by Hector Aguilar

Hustlaz rout Outlawz



SERGIO SALAZAR/COLLEGIAN
Outlawz player Nestor Treviño (center) is flanked by Hustlaz players Tiffany Hernandez and Nick Loftis during the Coed Flag Football Championship. The Hustlaz won the game 28-8 on Oct. 7 on the REK Center field.



HECTOR AGUILAR/COLLEGIAN

Waggi has the experience necessary to bring a young team, like the Scorpions, together. She believes most, if not all, English people are born to play soccer and all have nicknames, with the exception of Scorpion men’s team captain Steve Howard. We have formed an alliance to remedy it by getting him a nickname soon. She is interesting, funny and it was a pleasure to get to know her a little more off the field.

Who do you look up to? “David Beckham is my idol, professionalwise. Not because he’s good looking but because of everything he’s accomplished on and off the field. Also my mom, she’s my real hero because she made me and she gave me all these opportunities. She made this happen.”

What does soccer mean to you? “Can we ask, ‘what doesn’t soccer mean to you?’” she says with a laugh. “Soccer is everything, it’s my world, it’s my life. I’ve been playing it since as long as I can walk.”

What’s your favorite thing about soccer? “I think, probably, being a part of something that’s bigger than just yourself.”

How did you decide to play soccer? “I didn’t decide to play soccer, that’s a ridiculous question to ask an English person. I am English, it’s in my blood. I was born knowing that I would play soccer.”

If you could have a conversation with anyone, dead or alive, who would it be? “There’s a really serious answer I could give you to that but I’m not going to give you that one. Let’s not have any weepy sessions here. I guess I’ll say Steve Jobs. To see how he did [Apple]. He was awesome, he was a genius and I want to be like him.”

What skill do you wish you had? “Yeah, I wish I could sing. Well, I can sing but it’s going to empty the bar.”

Do you have any secret talents people might not know about? “No comment. Pleading the Fifth.”

What’s next for Waggi? “I’m going to graduate this May, so this is my last year playing. If I get the opportunity to go pro, I definitely would but I want to do grad school, Ph.D. in psychology. Maybe Boston, a change of scenery and new challenge required.”

--Compiled by Alejandro Rivera

Athlete of the Week

Name: Helen Wagstaff
Nickname: Waggi
Hometown: Heckmondwike, England
Classification: Senior
Major: Psychology
Sport: Soccer, midfielder, Captain
Career Stats: 61 games played, 77 shots on goal, 18 goals, 17 assists and 4 game-winning goals for the Scorpions

RADIO PLAY



MICHELLE SERRANO/COLLEGIAN PHOTOS

Ivan Gonzalez, a freshman law enforcement major, (left) dances on stage with David Gonzalez, CEO and founder of Extreme Big Brother Shops, while Sting Radio DJs Francisco “Furby” Garza and Christopher “Snack Pack” Gamez invite others to move to the music.

UTB/TSC’s Internet station draws crowd for music, games and skateboarding

By Alexandra Gracia
THE COLLEGIAN

More than 800 students gathered Tuesday on Ringgold Road for College Radio Day, a national event where college radio stations across the nation are heard as one through music, entertainment and events.

The team riders from Big Brother Skate Shop presented skateboarding and BMX demos throughout the day.

Luis Morales, manager of the Big Brother store in Sunrise Mall, was excited that Sting Radio participated in the national event.

“It’s pretty cool because I jam out to online radio a lot, but it’s cool that Sting Radio is part of this,” Morales said. “It’s the first year, and what is cool is that it’s national.”

Seven vendors and 10 student organizations participated.

Cristal Peña, a junior nursing major and owner of Chrimskull Jewelry and Accessories, was selling handmade jewelry.

“I think it would be a great opportunity to be here amongst the students, have a good time and show what I sell, something different,” Peña said.

While some students enjoyed refreshments, others took part in break dancing and DJ contests, and a card game in which a deck of cards was cut in half and students ran around to find their other half.

Freshman nursing major Mariela Delgado checked out all of the booths and

said she enjoyed the event.

“It was fun, I got a bunch of free stickers, I got a lecture about safe sex and played a fun game, which I lost,” Delgado said. “College Radio Day is pretty cool and it’s fun to hang out.”

Agustine Polwalski, also known by his graffiti art name, Zetro, expressed himself on plywood with spray paint, along with other people.

“It’s pretty cool because it’s something new to Brownsville and they should do things like this more often,” Polwalski said.

Susie Cantu, Student Media coordinator, was happy with the success of College Radio Day.

“I’m glad to see all the students coming out and participating; that’s what we’re here for,” Cantu said. “My main focus is for students and entertainment, what a college radio station should be.”



B-Boy Michael De la Cruz has practiced breakdancing since high school. Breakdancing requires extreme athletic abilities that require rigorous practice and dedication.

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if that’s what she wanted, I wanted it too, and the group loves her a whole lot, she fits right in with them and I’m just really proud of her being with me and working with me singing, it’s the best for me,” Sergio Degollado said in Spanish.

Control manager Jenny Weaver said that Degollado started on a trial basis, but she did so well and people loved her so much that she became a member of the band.

“We started off by experimenting, seeing how it would work with school, and she’s not taking a lot of classes. She is taking like two or three classes, just to see if it was possible to do both things, but she’s doing so good that next semester I don’t see any problem with her taking a full schedule,” Weaver said.

Degollado said her inspiration for getting through her tough schedule is her mother. She said her mom has always stressed the importance of getting an education. She believes anyone can do what she is doing and at the same time continue their

education.

“I take all my classes Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Fridays is when I fly out to the event and meet up with the band and throughout the whole weekend we are doing shows Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and on Sunday night or Monday morning is when I fly back and I have enough time to go to sleep, relax and go back to school on Tuesday,” she said.

Control has released the single “Asi” from its new album, “La Nueva Cara de Control,” (The New Face of Control) which goes on sale Tuesday. As of last week, ‘Asi’ ranked No. 39 on the Billboard Charts and No. 28 in the Américas Music Chart.

“La Nueva Cara de Control” is a reference to its newest member. Another of its tracks, “Te quiero mucho papa,” was written by Degollado and is dedicated to her father.

Degollado wants to inspire students to continue their education, and said anyone can do it.

“Never give up on your dreams, anything’s possible as long as you really want it—it just takes determination to get there,” she said.



ALEXANDRA GRACIA/COLLEGIAN

Volunteer Mario Ruiz hangs Salvador Dalí’s illustration of Dante’s Divine Comedy’s “Inferno Canto 10, The Heretics” on the wall of the Brownsville Museum of Fine Art Thursday. The exhibit will be available for viewing Oct. 22 until Jan. 4.

Divine illustrations

Dalí exhibit also features 12 sculptures, 10 paintings

By Alexandra Gracia
THE COLLEGIAN

The Brownsville Museum of Fine Art will celebrate its fifth anniversary Saturday by exhibiting Salvador Dalí’s illustrations of Dante Alighieri’s famous epic poem, “Divine Comedy.”

Marcela Ronquillo, executive director of the Brownsville Museum of Fine Art, said the anniversary of the museum is important for the community.

“Even though we’re a baby museum, this institution was created by an art league that came together,” Ronquillo said. “Artists and cultural promoters from Mexico and Brownsville gathered together 79 years ago and started painting, promoting art, history and culture in the [Rio Grande] Valley and five years ago, the BMFA was planned and constructed.”

Ronquillo and her colleagues began planning what artist they would feature for the museum’s fifth anniversary gala.

“We thought of different artists to exhibit for our fifth anniversary gala and we had the opportunity to host Dante’s ‘Divine Comedy’ inspired by Salvador Dalí,” Ronquillo said. “It’s an exhibit that has been touring around the United States and we pledged that we could host it here. We’re very fortunate to have that exhibit come to Brownsville. The historic collection of 100 works of Salvador Dalí’s interpretation

of Dante’s ‘Divine Comedy’ is incredible because we’re also introducing literature to the museum.”

The Italian artist created 100 watercolor illustrations from the poem’s cantos in “*Inferno*,” “*Purgatorio*” and “*Paradiso*.” The illustrations are from the Las Cruces Museum of Art in Las Cruces, N.M.

In addition to the illustrations, the exhibit features 12 sculptures on loan from the Museo Soumaya in Mexico City and 10 paintings from a private collector.

The sculptures, titled “Juego y Deseo,” were brought from Museo Soumaya by the Carlos Slim foundation.

“We were very grateful that they sponsored this exhibit,” Ronquillo said. “Then we have [the paintings] ‘Imaginations and Objects of the Future,’ an incredible and fun exhibit because it’s something that Dalí worked on with Robert Chase in 1935. They came up with this incredible exhibit that they compared to Da Vinci’s creations, imaginations and inventions. We have three beautiful exhibits of Salvador Dalí for the community and we’re just very fortunate that we could get them all at the same time.”

Dalí’s illustration of Dante’s “Divine Comedy” will be available for viewing until Jan. 4, 2012. The museum is located at 660 Ringgold St. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and children.



SHOTS & LABELS

Name: Paulette Jimenez
Classification: Junior
Major: Legal studies
Clothing: T-shirt, Macy’s (\$10); Levi’s shorts, Macy’s (\$12); high-heels, Dillard’s (\$40)
Accessories: Necklace, vintage store (\$2); satchel, JCPenney (\$15)
Who/what inspires your style? “Audrey Hepburn.”
Describe your style in three words: “Classy, colorful and conservative.”

--Compiled by Marlane Rodriguez